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SUBJECT: SPECIAL AMBASSADOR APPOINTED TO REVIEW WALLENBERG FILE

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1. (U) FOREIGN MINISTER STEN ANDERSSON ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 12 THAT RUNE NYSTROM, UNTIL RECENTLY SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN EAST GERMANY, WOULD WORK FULLTIME IN THE MINISTER'S OFFICE AS "SPECIAL RESEARCHER" TO REVIEW THE MASSIVE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS CONCERNING RAOUL WALLENBERG AND SUGGEST INITIATIVES THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WALLENBERG'S FATE. IN RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, ANDERSSON SAID THAT SWEDEN WOULD NOT URGE THE UNITED STATES FORMALLY TO RAISE THE WALLENBERG CASE AT THE GENEVA SUMMIT, CLAIMING SWEDISH PRESSURE ON THE U.S. TO BRING UP THE MISSING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT AT THE SUMMIT WOULD NOT HELP WALLENBERG "AND MIGHT ACTUALLY BE TO HIS DETRIMENT."
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2. (U) ANDERSSON TOLD THE RIKSDAG THAT SWEDEN HAD

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TALKED DIRECTLY TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT WALLENBERG. MOST RECENTLY IN AUGUST THIS YEAR WHEN SOVIET VICE FOREIGN MINISTER MALTSEV VISITED STOCKHOLM, AND WOULD TAKE "EVERY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY" TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO RAOUL WALLENBERG.

3. (LOU) COMMENT: THE PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION WAS PROMPTED IN PART BY THE RENEWED INTEREST IN WALLENBERG SINCE THE CBS MINI-SERIES ON HIM WAS SHOWN ON SWEDISH TELEVISION IN MID-OCTOBER. AMONG FOLLOW-UP ARTICLES AT THAT TIME WAS ONE IN WOMEN'S MAGAZINE "HANT I VECKAN" WHICH QUOTES WALLENBERG ASSOCIATE AMB. PER ANGER AS SAYING THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OFFERED LITTLE HELP IN THE LATE '40S AND EARLY '50S FOR HIS EFFORTS TO TRACK DOWN WALLENBERG AND SEEMED UNINTERESTED IN THE CASE. NO TIMETABLE WAS GIVEN FOR NYSTROM'S REVIEW. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER THE "NEW INITIATIVES" HE IS CHARGED WITH PROPOSING WILL COME IN TIME FOR OLOF PALME TO BRING THEM UP IF HE VISITS MOSCOW AS PLANNED SOMETIME DURING 1986, OR IF THE ON-GOING "RESEARCH" WILL BE A WAY FOR PALME TO FINESSE A CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIETS OVER WALLENBERG DURING THE BILATERAL SUMMIT. FORSBERG